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EXTRACTS FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS
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Posts with statutory bar to the appointment of women.

* 294 *.- BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state for what posts in Government service in this Province there is a statutory bar to the appointment of women ?

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " The attention of the hon. member is invited to the statement placed on the table of the House."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: - " As I have not studied the details, I shall put the supplementary questions tomorrow, Sir

MR. SPEAKER: This question will be taken up tomorrow for supplementary questions."

*294 Q. - MR. SPEAKER: - "The answer has already been laid on the table. Supplementary questions may now beput."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: - " May I ask what is the reason that in this Province women are debarred from becoming even clerks and typists in Judicial Ministerial Service whereas in the neighbouring State of Travancore women are allowed to hold the responsible post even of a Sub-Judge ?"

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " I am afraid these rules are old rules, if not ancient rules. It is the desire of the Government that whatever facilities are given for the ladies in Travancore and other places should be given in this Province also."

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR: - "Sir, In view of the fact that women are taking a prominent part in the matter of strikes as was evident from the way they gate-crashed into the house of the Hon. Minister Mr. Giri the other day, will the Government consider the advisability of appointing women police officers wit a view to meet such situations ?"

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " I am inclined to agree with the hon. Member "(Laughter.)

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: - "May I ask whether it is not a fact that it was a women who discovered radium, the cure for cancer, and won the Nobel Prize ? If that is so, may I ask why in this Province women are not allowed to hold the posts even of clinical and non-clinical professors and lecturers ?"

THE HON. SRI TI.PRAKASAM: - " There is no reason, Sir, if they are competent, they can become anything."

AN HON. MEMBER : - " That is impossible."

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " That, I do not know. But I may add this to what the hon. Member said about the greatness of women in the ancient days. It was one lady who described this universe as a carpet. She described the whole universe as having been woven with a warp and woof like a carpet. And that description has been confirmed by the scientists of to-day."

KUMURARAJA SIR MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR OF CHETTINAD:- "May I ask whether the Government will consider

consider the desirability of throwing open in the first instance the posts in the Medical Department including District Medical Officers for women doctors if they are qualified for such posts ?"

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " Certainly, Sir."

H.S.HUSSAIN SAHIB BAHADUR: - " Will the Government make a definite statement of policy with regard to the employment of women in the various departmnts of public service so far as they are capable of holding those posts ?"

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - "Yes. Sir."

MOHAMMED ABDUL SALEM SAHIB BAHADUR: - "Will the Government consider the desirability of appointing Parliamentary Secretariat Secretaries in view of the fact that we are going to have certain Ministerial changes shortly ?"

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " Perhaps the hon. Member means womenParliamentary Secretaries."

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR: - "Yes, Sir,."

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - "Yes, if they are qualified."

M.MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:- " I do not see why why women should be confined only to the posts of Parliamentary Secretaries. We have only one woman Minister. Why cannot we have fifty-fifty in the Ministry as well?

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " I am feeling that there would be a day when there would be not only fifty-fifty but ninety-five-five-.2 (Laughter)

KUMURARAJA SIR MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR OF CHETTINAD:

" May I ask whether the Prime Minister agrees that if there should be fifty-fifty representation of women in the Cabinet there would be more harmonious working in the Cabinet than now ?" (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " That depends upon the Members."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR: - "May I ask Sir, whether the Government has examined this question thoroughly and seriously in order to find out which are the posts in Government service of which women are not physically capable of discharging the duties ?"

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " I do not think there should be any such presumption that women are physically capable or incapable."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: - " May I ask why a woman is not allowed to become a professor of the Law College if she is duly qualified, or the Principal or the Vice-Principal if she is competent for the post ? "

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " No reason at all, Sir.2

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR :- In fairness to Florence Nightingale will Government give an assurance that the noblest profession of nursing will be allowed to be the exclusive monopoly of women and women only ?" (Laughter)

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " Yes, Sir."(Laughter.)

M.MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR: - " In view of the fact that the Premier has assured us that women are as capable as men will the make a beginning by appointing a Muslim lady as

lady as the Deputy Director of Public Instruction which post is vacant now ?"

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " Such an undertaking cannot be given straightway in individual case."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: - " When women are allowed to hold the posts of Upper Division Clerk in the Secretariat, may I know why they are not allowed to become clerks and typists in the Excise and Registration Departments and clerks in the Revenue Department ?"

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: - " There is no reason to exclude them from any department. If they are competent they should be appointed in every department."

M.S.ABDUL MAJID SAHIB BAHADUR: - " In replying to the question put by my hon. Friend Mr. Anwar the Hon. the Premier said 'Yes' while the Hon. Minister for Public Health Said 'No'. May I ask which answer we are to take, Sir ?"

MR. SPEAKER: - " She has not said 'NO'."

M.S.ABDUL MAJID SAHIB BAHADUR: - " She nodded her head and made it appear so, Sir."

MR.SPEAKER: - " The Hon. the Premier said that women are equal to men in every respect. But may I point out that ~~recently~~ recently in the French Assembly it was the women that gave a lot of blows to the men Members." (Laughter).

THE HON. SRI T.PRAKASAM: " Sir, I may have to modify my answer by saying that sometimes women are better than men."(Laughter.)

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: - " In view of the fact that the Hon. the Premier has himself acknowledged that the rules that have been framed are most antiquated, will the Government be pleased to revise them and bring them into line with the time spirit, by removing the statutory bar to the appointment of women in regard to the following posts -

(1) Clerks and typists including Steno-typists in the Madras Judicial Ministerial Service (outside the City of Madras)

(2) Sub-Registrars in the Co-operative department.

(3) District Medical Officers and Civil Surgeons in charge stations, Personal Assistant to Surgeon- General, Assistant Superintendents, Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras and Assistant Directors, King Institute, Guindy.

(4) Director of Tuberculosis Institute and Superintendent of Tuberculosis Hospital, Madras.

(5) Research Officer, Pharmacological Unit, Medical College, Madras, and Professor of Pharmacology, Stanley Medical College, Madras.

(6) Non-Clinical Professors.

(7) Non-Clinical Lecturers.

(8) Non-Clinical Tutors or Assistants.

(9) Clinical Professors

(10) Clinical Lecturers.

List of Services and posts in this Province for appointment to which there is statutory bar in the case of women.

(1) I.C.S.
(2) Indian Police.
(3) Jailor in jails including sub-jails.
(4) Deputy Superintendent in Borstal schools.
(5) Deputy jailor in jails including the Wellesley Sanatorium Jail (Bellary.
(6) Assistant Superintendent in Borstal School.
(7) Reserve deputy jailor.
(8) Posts of gate keeper intended for men and chief and reserve head warders.
(9) Chief and Assistant Chief Officer in Borstal and Certified Schools.
10) Special petty officer in Borstal and Certified schools.
11) Posts of warders in jails intended for men.
12) Petty officer in Borstal and Certified schools.
13) Jail teachers except in the Presidency Jail for Women.
14) Clerks and typists including Steno-typists in the Madras Judicial Ministerial Service (outside the City of Madras)
15) Village officers and servants.
16) Assistant Chemist in Cinchona department.
17) Sub-Registrars in the Co-operative department.
18) Inspectors in the Madras Factory Service (Men's branch).
19) District Medical Officers and Civil Surgeons in charge stations personal Assistant to Surgeon-General, Assistant Superintendents, Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras and Assistant Directors, King Institute, Guindy.
20) Superintendent, Wellesley Sanatorium Jail, Bellary, and Assistant Surgeons in the general line (Assistant District Medical Officers and Assistant Surgeons attached to Hospital etc.)
21) Director of Tuberculosis Institute and Superintendent of Tuberculosis Hospital, Madras.
22) Medical Officer to the Madras City Police.
23) Research Officer, Pharmacological Unit, Medical College, Madras, and Professor of Pharmacology, Stanley Medical College, Madras.
24) Non-Clinical Professors.
25) Non-Clinical Lecturers.
26) Non-Clinical Tutors or Assistant.
27) Clinical Professors.
28) Clinical Lecturers.
29) Clinical Tutors of Assistants.
30) Assistant Surgeons in the King Institute, Guindy (Bacteriological department)
31) Senior Assistant to the Chemical Examiner.
32) Chemical Examiner and Professor of Chemistry, Medical College, Madras.
33) Junior Assistant to the Chemical Examiner.
34) Assistant to the Chemical Examiner of Police Research.
35) Lecturer in Pharmaceutics and Research Chemist, Pharmacological Unit, Medical College, Madras.
36) Government Anylyst.
37) Senior Assistant.
38) Senior Public Health Assistant, King Institute, Guindy.
39) Dental Surgeon.
40) Principal, School of Indian Medicine.
41) Senior Resident Medical Officer-cum-Lecturer, School of Indian Medicine.
42) Director of Public Instruction.
43) Deputy Director of Public Instruction.
44) ~~Personal Assistant to the Director~~. Divisional Inspectors.
45) Personal Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction.
46) District Educational Officers.
47) Superintendent of Sanskrit Schools.
48) Secretary to the Commissioner for Government Examinations.
49) Headmaster, Madras-i-Azam.
50) Chief Inspector of Physical Education.
51) Principals of Government Arts and Teachers Training College for men.

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